

Jobs reserved for blind persons

1712. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of jobs reserved for blind persons in the Government services and in public undertakings under the control of the Union Government;

(b) the number of blind persons provided with jobs in Government services and public undertakings during the last 3 years, year-wise;

(c) the number of reserve vacancies for blind persons not filled up during up unfilled vacancies reserved for blind persons;

(d) whether the Government propose any special drive for filling up unfilled vacancies reserved for blind persons;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) 1% vacancies are reserved to be filled up in identified posts in Groups 'C' and 'D' by blind persons under the Government of India and comparable posts in Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) The placement of handicapped persons in gainful employment is done through the Employment Exchanges, Special Employment Exchanges, Special Employment Exchanges and Special Cells in normal Employment Exchanges, Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for physically handicapped functioning under the Ministry of Labour and also through open competitions. The placement effected by Employment Exchanges and VRCs to blind persons during the last three years is as under:-

Employment Exchanges (including Special Employment Exchanges and Special Cells,

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of placement of blind persons effected</i>
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1988	384
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1989	230
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1990	150
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Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for Physically Handicapped

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Visually Handicapped rehabilitated</i>
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1988	493
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1989	468
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1990	643
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(c) The complete information about backlog of reserved vacancies in Groups 'C' & 'D' posts for the Visually handicapped in Central Services and comparable posts in Central Public Sector Undertakings, is not available.

(d) to (f). To fill up the backlog of vacancies reserved for the blind in Groups 'C' & 'D' posts, Special recruitment Drive was initiated in a phased manner for placement in Central Government Offices and in Central Public Sectors undertakings in and around Delhi during 1987. Subsequently, in 2nd and 3rd phases of the drive, recruitment was made for the Central Government Offices, Central Public Sector Undertakings and Banks. Based on vacancies reported by various Ministries/Departments/Public Sector Undertakings in respect of blind persons, special Recruitment Examinations were

conducted by Staff Selection Commission (SSC) and the following number of blind persons were nominated to Ministries/Departments/Public Sector Undertakings/Banks:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Visually Handicapped persons Nominated</i>
1987	269
1988-89	158
1990 & 91	136

The process of filling up of backlog of reserved vacancies is still continuing.

[*Translation*]

**Assistance to Voluntary Institutions/
Organisations to Check the Narcotics**

1713. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of assistance provided during the last three years to each of the voluntary institutions/organisations in Bihar,

West Bengal, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh to check the use of narcotics;

(b) whether the Government have ascertained the outcome thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) and (c). The number of persons benefited by these Organisation during the last three years is as follows:-

<i>States</i>	<i>No. of beneficiaries</i>
1. Bihar	33201
2. Orissa	30859
3. U.P.	27018
4. West Bengal	32766